

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN ARMS PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to reduce arms production and Defence expenditure as a economy measures in view of the Budgetary deficit, loan burden and serious fiscal problems of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.